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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Joint Application of Verizon Long Distance LLC and Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC for

Approval of a Plan of Reorganization

Docket No. 2014-269-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the above-referenced Application and does not object to the merger.

ORS recommends that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") require Verizon Long Distance (the surviving entity) to notify the Commission and ORS within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the merger and condition approval of the merger upon Verizon Long Distance satisfying any regulatory obligations of both entities. Such obligations include, but may not be limited to, filing gross receipts reports and universal service fund contribution worksheets showing the combined revenues of the two merged entities for the entire reporting period (12 months). This may require filing combined revenues for the two merged entities for the gross receipts reports due on August 31, 2014 and on August 31, 2015, and universal service fund reports due on July 1, 2014 and on July 1, 2015.

Thank you for your attention and assistance with this matter.

Respectfully yours,

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: Parties of Record (via U.S. Mail)

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